

One of the Biggest Fools That Litter the Earth Is the Fellow Who Breaks Down His Health under the Delusion that He Is Having a Good Time

ENGLAND TO ASK
AMERICA TO LIFT
DEBT TO FRANCE

Request to Heal Rupture Between Two European Nations

ALLIED PREMIERS MEET

Poincare Denies France Has Any Intention of Seizing Rhine Region

London, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—A conference of the allied premiers, occupying two hours, was held this afternoon. The heads of the British, French, Italian and Belgian delegations addressed the gathering.

Premier Poincare holding the floor for the longest period, declared that the reparations question had reached the stage where some radical step must be taken.

Poincare insisted that France's interest must be recognized but he denied that France had any intention of annexing the Rhine region.

It was authoritatively stated that the chief hope of bringing France and England together lies with America. It is reported that England will ask America to cancel the French debt in return for a cancellation of the French debt to England with a definite assurance for the ultimate payment of the English debt to America.

JAPANESE RESTORE
SHANTUNG TO CHINA

Transfer of Territory Taken From Germans Is Carried Out With Little Ceremony

Tsingtao, Shantung, Dec. 10 (Associated Press)—The territory of Kiaochow was restored to China at noon today with striking lack of ceremony. The Chinese flag for the first time in twenty-four years was raised over the Administration Building, which had been used by the Germans and later by the Japanese, who seized the territory during the World War.

A small group of Japanese and Chinese officials exchanged formal addresses and drank mutual toasts before handing over the final documents which completed the transfer. A Chinese gunboat in the bay fired a salute at noon and then the Japanese Police Headquarters were taken over by the Chinese.

General Yui, Japanese Governor-General of Kiaochow and the remaining Japanese troops in the territory will depart Dec. 11. The staffs which have been on the docks and wharves will remain ten days longer, then be replaced by Chinese.

One thousand Shantung troops arrived here before the territory was taken over. Wang Chen-Ting, Foreign Minister to China, who received the territory from the Japanese, said he was confident there would be no trouble from the bandits. He declared that now the only possibility of danger is from Japanese bandits.

Minister Wang, in an interview, repeatedly expressed his inability to understand why the crisis promised by the Japanese for the police had not arrived. Japan, he said, has postponed the delivery of arms three times. He said he had 2,700 police troops within the city and 10,000 troops on the boundary.

He said he did not wish to accuse Japanese authorities of double dealing, but he asserted relations existed between the Japanese subordinates and the bandits. Wang denied there was friction between himself and the Shantung Tsuchis.

DISORDER IN DUBLIN

Houses of Free State Officials Attacked and Set on Fire

Dublin, Dec. 10.—Opponents of the Irish government resumed their reprisals against Free State officials to night. Attacks with bombs and gasoline were made on the residence of J. J. Walsh, postmaster-general, and others identified with the government. The Walsh residence, on Frederick street, was not badly damaged, and the promptness for the firemen and neighbors prevented the spread of the fires.

A bomb thrown into the shop of the Irish Produce company, owned by Mrs. Wyse Power, recently nominated by President Cosgrave as senator, was set off. The house of John McGarry, Dublin member of the Parliament, came in for special attention of the incendiaries, and his wife and two children were slightly burned. The children were removed to a hospital.

The residence of Postmaster Walsh's secretary, O'Harearty, was raided by an armed band. Gasoline was sprinkled about the house and furniture and other belongings set afire.

MANY SHOTS, NO VICTIMS.

Gun Play on New York Streets Spectacle for Crowds

New York, Dec. 11.—The Broadway crowds witnessed a gun battle between four men in an automobile and a patrolman on the curb at West 47th street today.

The police say twenty-five shots were exchanged and no one hurt. The machine in which the duelists rode was partially wrecked when the driver released the wheel to join in the shootings.

PREMIERS WILL
BREAK COUNCIL
FOR SEVEN DAYS

France Stubbornly Insists on Seizing Ruhr

OTHER PREMIERS AGREED

Belgium Promised to Aid France in Occupation of Ruhr But Opposes Step

London, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—The adjournment of the premiers' conference tonight for eight days to avert the open rupture between France and England over the German reparations has been virtually decided upon.

The British cabinet, it was authoritatively stated, rejected Poincare's flat demand for the occupancy of Ruhr as a guarantee for the German moratorium. Bonar Law informed Poincare that the British public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to military measures against Germany.

London, Dec. 10.—The possibility of the four premiers reaching an agreement which will enable the allied conference to assemble with any prospect of success seems tonight to hang on an extremely tenuous thread. As with all previous attempts to solve the reparations problem, the main difficulty lies in French determination to secure penalties or guarantees of a military character for the fulfillment of German obligations.

Mr. Bonar Law in the present conference has shown himself to be as warmly opposed to any occupation of the Ruhr as was his predecessor, while the Italian premier, Signor Mussolini, also opposes anything except what he terms economic and productive guarantees.

Premier Poincare asserted today that France would demand the occupation of the Ruhr as a fundamental guarantee for any moratorium and the stiffening of the French premier's attitude changed the hopeful view to one of gloom. M. Poincare reasserted his demand for the Ruhr after receipt of advice from Paris that his attitude in London had been interpreted in the Chamber of Deputies and by a portion of the press as a weakening in the face of Mr. Bonar Law.

M. Poincare went to the premier's meeting today in a determined mood and informed the others that France flatly rejected Chancellor Cuno's new proposals.

The chances of a settlement were anything but bright tonight, since the British prime minister with emphasis equal to that of the French premier, said that the occupation of the Ruhr and the expropriation of the Rhineland would be penalties, and not "economic guarantees."

It became increasingly clear tonight that France is alone in her demands for radical guarantees.

Mussolini favors guarantees of a much milder character, while Belgium opposes any guarantee of a military nature. Belgium, however, is in a peculiar position. Her financiers and economic advisers are all against the French program, but the government is committed to assist France if she invades the Ruhr.

MARY MINTER MAY BE
DROPPED AS FILM STAR

Mixed up in the Taylor Murder Case Public Does Not Like Her Pictures

New York, Dec. 9.—A number of important figures will be missing with the new year from the motion picture lineup of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation. It was learned at the New York headquarters yesterday. Of these the most prominent is Mary Miles Minter, who has been rising with the development of child star. With her passing from the Paramount fold occurs the last echo, so far as this organization is concerned, of the shooting of William Desmond Taylor, one of their directors.

Following this case, in which Miss Minter's name and letters were mentioned conspicuously, the public reception of her pictures was watched closely. "South of Suzie," her first picture distributed after the murder, did not indicate any great amount of popular favor, and following the release of "The Cowboy and the Lady," Joseph Zukor, resident of Famous Players did not feel justified in renewing Miss Minter's contract, which was said to be bringing her \$250,000 a year.

Wanda Hawley likewise ends her association with Famous Players-Lasky this year. Miss Hawley appeared last opposite Rodolph Valentino in "The Young Dutchman" and before that appeared last opposite Rodolph Valentino in "Burning Sands." Alice Brady and May McAvoy are the only players now left from the group of Realart stars affiliated with Famous players.

It was also reported on good authority that William S. Hart would end his affiliation of six years with the organization. Hart slipped quietly into New York a week ago and has been staying at the Waldorf-Astoria. He has been avoiding interviews, but it is known that he is waiting here for the return of Zakor from the Pacific Coast, when Hart intends to take up a renewal of his contract with the film chief.

NORTH VILLAGE SERVICE.

Meeting in Interests of Women's Colleges of Orient.

A union meeting for the seven women's colleges in the Orient was held at the Baptist church in North Bennington Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. A. S. Payne as chairman led in a devotional service. Rev. W. R. Hamilton offered prayer and Earl Chase of Bennington sang a solo entitled "Leave It with Him." The choir with Whitman's orchestra, led the singing for this service.

The program "Hanging a Sign" was very impressively given by members of the movement, an appeal for members of the Baptist church under the direction of Mrs. W. E. DeWolfe.

The first speaker of the evening introduced by the chairman was Mr. Allison. He has traveled in the Orient and spoke on conditions from the tourist point of view.

An interesting talk was given by Miss Linnie Halbrook of Assam. Miss Halbrook has been a missionary for sixteen years in India and could give details of the work being carried on for the education and enlightenment of the native people.

Mrs. W. E. DeWolfe, who has been a missionary for four years in Korea, gave some of her experiences in the work and the great need of the women of Oriental lands. She informed the audience that at the very outset of the movement, an appeal for funds was made to John D. Rockefeller, Mr. Rockefeller, in his usual careful way, refused to commit himself until he had sent a commission of seven well-known educational and religious leaders to investigate. This committee reported that there is no more important educational movement in the world at the present moment than the one represented by these seven institutions. The result was that Mr. Rockefeller has offered to give one million dollars if the people of America will give two millions.

At the close of the meeting an offering was taken which amounted to about fifty-five dollars.

SAYS VETERANS' POLL
WILL REJECT BONUS

Ex-Servicemen's Anti-Bonus League Asks Fordney to Withdraw Bill Pending Baili

New York, Dec. 11.—A nationwide poll of all veterans of the World War on the bonus question will be undertaken by the Ex-Servicemen's Anti-Bonus League, whose headquarters are at 19 West Forty-fourth street. Plans for the poll are now being perfected, according to Edward L. Allen, chairman of the board of trustees, and will be taken as rapidly as thoroughness will permit.

In announcing the plans yesterday, the league made public a letter to Representative Joseph W. Fordney, asking that no bonus legislation be enacted in the house until "the result of this poll is known and the verdict of the veterans themselves placed on record."

The letter, which is signed by W. Allen, says in part:

"We respectfully ask you to refrain from introducing any bill carrying gratuities of any nature for the able-bodied ex-servicemen. In considering our request we earnestly urge you to take careful note of the following pertinent facts:

"1. There are over 4,000,000 ex-servicemen in the United States. At this writing only a few more than 700,000 are members of the American Legion, with an immense number in sight, largely due to the legion's stand on the bonus, when dues for next year fall due on Jan. 1.

"2. Although repeated efforts have been made by posts and members of the American Legion to get its leaders to take an individual poll of its members as to their stand on the question of a bonus for the able-bodied ex-servicemen, all such efforts have been frowned upon and not even given official consideration.

"3. Over 100 posts of the American Legion throughout the nation have gone on record as being opposed to a cash bonus for the able-bodied ex-servicemen.

GRANVILLE STARS COMING

Will Play Legion Five at Library Hall Wednesday Evening

The Legion basketball team will play its second game on Wednesday evening of this week at Library Hall when it meets the Granville All Stars of Granville, New York.

Comparatively little information is available as to the strength of the visitors, owing to the fact that the season is still young, but as Granville has always been a stronghold of basketball, this year's team may be expected to measure up to the standards set by teams in the past. Last Thursday evening Granville opened its season by defeating the strong Hudson Falls team by the decisive score of 20 to 9, in a fast and keenly fought contest. O'Brien at left forward and Williams at right guard doing the best work for Granville.

Wells Person, a former Troy Conference Academy star, who is well known to Benningtonians has volunteered his services as coach and will endeavor to whip his charges into first class shape for the Granville game and the coming Rutland and Pittsfield games which are now being arranged. Until now the Legion has been without the services of a coach, who is really of incalculable value; it being a most difficult matter for the captain to watch the play of each of his men on the floor and at the same time continue to give his best efforts to his team. The Legion is to be sincerely congratulated on securing the services of Mr. Person as coach, as this fact alone greatly augments the team's chances of success.

The game is scheduled for 8 o'clock and every effort will be made to start exactly on time.

WEATHER FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness followed by rain or snow later tonight or Tuesday. Warmer tonight and in south-west portions Tuesday. Much colder Tuesday night.

5000 ANTHRACITE
COAL MINERS VOTE
TO STAY ON STRIKE

Six of Hudson Coal Company Collieries Shut Down

SHUN OFFICER'S ADVICE

Although Told They were Breaking Contract Men Refuse to Resume Work

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 11.—Five thousand miners of the Hudson Coal company employed at six Plymouth and Larksville collieries have decided by a practical unanimous vote to remain on strike.

District President W. J. Bronna advised the miners that the strike was a breach of contract but the workmen took the stand that the company should settle grievances before they would return to work.

TO RADIO TIGER'S FAREWELL

1,000,000 Are Expected to Hear Clemenceau's Last Address Here.

The farewell speech of Georges Clemenceau in the United States will be broadcast by radio to an audience of more than 1,000,000 persons tomorrow night. The address will be cleared for the French statesman's final good will message in this country from 8:30 until 10 o'clock.

The speech will be delivered at the annual dinner of the American Committee for Devastated France to be held in the Hotel Pennsylvania here. Clemenceau's talk, given before 2,000 persons expected to attend the dinner will be picked up by microphones in the banquet hall, relayed by Western Union wires to Station WJZ in Newark and broadcast from there. That station, which is operated by the Westinghouse Company, covers the United States east of the Mississippi and under favorable conditions, San Francisco and London.

WON AFTER COUNTED OUT

Mrs. Emma E. Brigham Elected to Springfield Common Council.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Emma E. Brigham, who is a Republican, was elected to the common council seat by John O'Brien by a majority of 32 votes, was declared elected by a majority of 17 in a recent Saturday. Mrs. Brigham, who is a Republican, is the first woman to be elected to either board of the city government.

WOOD STAYS IN PHILIPPINES

Because of Desire of United States Government

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Major General Leonard Wood has resigned the office of provost of the University of Pennsylvania in order that he might "comply with the expressed wishes of the administration" and remain as governor-general of the Philippine Islands. It is officially announced by the war department.

Likely Gift.

Graves—Young Percy Spenshiff is celebrating his marriage and also his birthday today. I wonder what the wealthy bride will give him for a birthday present?

Toombs—Likely her back book with the sentiment, "Always yours."

His Fault.

Mrs. Penham—We became engaged under the mistletoe.

Benham—I knew it, but I'm not blaming the blessed plant; it didn't grow over my head, and I got under it, knowing all its deadly properties.

Unkind.

"When everything is said and done" she began.

"I never expect to see that day," he interrupted.

"What day?"

"When you've said everything."

Looked Encouraging.

"Has that young man who is calling on you given you any encouragement lately?" asked the father.

"Oh, yes, father. Last night he asked if you and mother were pleasant to live with," replied the daughter.

A Man of Means.

"Is this Mr. Gibson you have become engaged to a man of means?"

"Yes, mother; he means all he says, and that's the sort of husband I want."

A Middle-Aged Guy.

"Tangle Toke, you never yell for the good old days?"

"No, I never begin having any real fun until I was forty years old."

Babylonian Hanging Gardens.

Professor Breasted and other orientologists say the Babylonian hanging gardens were roof gardens. They were on temples, palaces, and dwellings. Egypt had them centuries before Babylon. The half barbarian Greeks who first saw them called them hanging gardens and put them down as one of the wonders of the ancient world.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY
CALLED FOR KILLING

Early this morning, Deputy Sheriff Ralph H. White, in the absence of Sheriff Perry B. Gardner, drew a special grand jury to take up the case of John Fitzgerald held at the county jail for the shooting of Ernest W. White.

The jury consists of 13 men, one from each town in Bennington county and two from Bennington. The grand jury members were notified to meet at the county courthouse in Bennington at 1 o'clock Wednesday forenoon.

ERNEST W. WHITE
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SUNDAY MORNING

Bullet Wound Inflicted By John Fitzgerald Results Fatally

BERLIN APOLOGY
GIVEN TO ALLIES

Indemnity of 1,000,000 Gold Marks Paid For Attacks on Control Officers

Paris, Dec. 10.—A German note, complying with the demand of the council of ambassadors for 1,000,000 gold marks as an indemnity and a renewed apology for the recent attacks on interallied military control officers at Passau and Ingolstadt, Bavaria, was delivered today at the foreign office.

The note, previously published at Berlin, said the 1,000,000 marks is at the disposal of the allies. It repeats Germany's former apology, but protests against proposed allied exactions if Germany refuses to remove the burgomasters of Passau and Ingolstadt. It declared Germany is powerless to do this, as the burgomasters were elected by an autonomous administration, but asserts that certain disciplinary measures have been taken.

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KILLING DRY AGENTS

Second One Shot in Kentucky in Three Days

Mount Sterling, Ky., Dec. 10.—Dave Treadway, 28, federal officer and member of a posse seeking the slayers of Duff, was shot from ambush and instantly killed this afternoon within a few yards of the spot in Menifee county where Prohibition Agent Robert C. Duff was shot to death by alleged moonshiners Saturday afternoon.

Treadway was a member of a posse which accompanied federal officers in the search.

After visiting the home of Jeff Ballard, the sheriff's posse proceeded to the mountains, where they found a still.

The posse had destroyed 1400 gallons of mash and was preparing to leave the scene of the still when they were fired upon from ambush. Treadway fell with a bullet wound in his neck. He was rushed to a hospital, but died later.

Immediately after the shots were fired the officers saw three men run from the bushes. They trailed them until darkness prevented further search. The hunt will be continued tomorrow.

Investigation today showed that Duff's body had been stripped of badge, money, watch and papers after he was slain. He was shot 10 times.

MIDDLEBURY GETS GAME

Is Retained on Harvard Football Schedule for 1923.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 11.—The Harvard Athletic association last night announced the tentative Crimson football schedule for next fall. For the first time since the war the schedule in the list of seven games made public. These dates are: Oct. 6, pending; 13, Middlebury; 20, Holy Cross; 27, Dartmouth; Nov. 3, Tufts; 10, Princeton at Princeton; 17, Brown; 24, Yale.

BURGLAR KISSED CHILD

Told Diminutive Miss to Go Back to Sleep and Be Good Girl.

Marguerite Raizen, four years old, of Bergendie, N. J., met a burglar in her little bedroom and rather liked him. At least so she told her parents when she came down stairs to find them excitedly discussing the ransacking of their home the night before.

"Mother," she said, "I wonder if it could be the man in my room. I woke up in the middle of the night and there was a nice, big man standing by my bed with a light in his hand. He smiled at me and said he was sorry he woke me and kissed me, and told me to go to sleep like a good little girl. So I did. He certainly acted like a gentleman, mother."

Beaten to Death With Clock Pendulum.

Taking the pendulum from a cuckoo clock, Thomas Cornwell, sixty-seven years old, beat to death his wife's uncle, Curtis Smith, seventy years old, at Rockford, Ill. Cornwell then took a drug which killed him.

Hen Had Six Pennies in Its Gizzard.

Six pennies were found in a chicken's gizzard when Mrs. Harry Keogh, of Martins Ferry, O., was preparing the fowl for a meal. The pennies were worn nearly smooth.

Too Many HUSBANDS.

Woman Shot Herself When Confronted By Both.

Duluth, Dec. 11.—While two men were disputing their rights to her as wife, Mrs. A. M. Johnson left home yesterday and shot herself. A. M. Johnson and Charles Pangster were the disputants both claiming to have married the woman.

Eight New Cardinals

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FULLY CONSCIOUS AT END

Funeral of YD Veteran Will be Held from St. Peter's Church Tuesday Afternoon

Ernest W. White, who was shot through the abdomen early Friday afternoon by John Fitzgerald, a fellow employe at the cutting room of the E. Z. Waist company underwear mill on Gage street, died about 3 o'clock Sunday morning at Putnam hospital where he was hurried immediately after the shooting and where an operation was performed the same afternoon by Dr. John Trotter of Troy.

The patient came out of the ether quickly and remained conscious there after until the instant he passed away. Although suffering intense agony, the big 44-calibre bullet having passed through stomach, intestines and liver, he showed exceptional fortitude and cheerfulness whenever any of his people were with him notwithstanding that he realized his hours were numbered.

The young man was born on a farm at West Bennington May 21, 1896, and was therefore in his 27th year. When a young boy he attended the Pleasant Valley school and later the public schools in this village. A few days after he became 21 years of age he enlisted in company I of the First Vermont regiment under Captain E. W. Gibson and was with the company and regiment until it was disbanded at Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass.

At Camp Bartlett he was transferred to company E of the 101st ammunition train, horse section, and went overseas where he participated in five major engagements: Chemin-des-Dames sector, Feb. 6 to March 31, 1918; Toul sector, April 1 to 17; Champagne-Marne offensive, July 15 to 18; Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18 to August 6; St. Mihiel offensive, Sept. 12 to Sept. 25; Troyon sector, Sept. 17 to Sept. 25; Meuse-Argonne offensive, Sept. 26 to Nov. 11.

During the war the ammunition trains were divided into two sections, motor and horse. The motor vehicles would carry forward the ammunition as far as the condition of the roads would permit and the shells would then be loaded behind horses and mules and rushed to the different batteries. The horse section was repeatedly subject to heavy shell fire and the different ammunition trains suffered heavy casualties.

Two years ago last July Ernest White married Miss Irene Johnson, daughter of Richard J. Johnson, and at the time of the shooting the couple were living on Scott street. They were members of St. Peter's church. The deceased was also a member of Mount Anthony lodge, F. and A. M., of the American order of United Workmen and Bennington post, American Legion. At the time of his enlistment he was a member of Bennington grange.

The body was taken to the home of parents Mr. and Mrs. Alie W. White, on School street, where a private service for relatives will be held Tuesday afternoon. The public funeral will be held from St. Peter's church, the rector, Rev. J. Elmer McKee, officiating, and burial will be at Hoosick Rural cemetery.

The tragedy has shocked the entire community which joins as a unit in sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the victim cut down in his young manhood and this sympathy is also extended to those near to the youth whose cash and almost inexhaustible act was responsible.

An inquest into the shooting was begun before Municipal Judge William Meagher Saturday afternoon and will probably be continued today. The investigation was conducted by Attorney General Francis C. Archibald and State's Attorney George A. Mathers and will be continued by the latter as the attorney general has been called to Hyde Park in his official capacity.

It is understood that a special session of the grand jury will be held to take up the case of Fitzgerald who has been in the custody at the county jail since he was arrested by Officer William Cameron. The time of calling the special grand jury depends upon other matters now before county court. It is understood that Judge Stanley C. Wilson, now presiding at the term of county court, may return here in February and the case may be heard at that time.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Should Be Presented at Postoffice For Redemption

Holders of the war saving stamps will please present them to our local postmaster for redemption.

A receipt is given to the owner and the stamps are sent to the Federal reserve bank at Boston, Mass.

This bank issues a check or if preferable, a treasury savings certificate to the owner as soon as it is possible to do so after January 1, 1923.

Registered and unregistered stamps are redeemable at the postoffice in this manner but unregistered stamps may be redeemed at the First National Bank and the County National Bank.

Edward Sansville and his mother, who have been visiting in New York have returned.

Members of Bennington post, American Legion, are requested to meet at post headquarters in civilian clothes at 1:30 sharp tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of attending in a body the funeral of Ernest W. White at St. Peter's church at 2 o'clock.

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NEGRO RAVISHER

Entire Population of Streetman Joins in Chase

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL

County Has Been Scene of Three Lynchings During Past Few Months

Fairfield, Tex., Dec. 11.—A negro, believed to have attacked a white girl in her home at Streetman, was captured today by a posse but has not been identified, according to the police.

Excitement here is high and all business houses in Streetman have been closed while the entire population has joined in the man hunt.

Freestone county has been the scene of three lynchings during the past few months.

Corsican, Dec. 11.—Bloodhounds were hurried from the Huntsville penitentiary today to Streetman to pick up the trail of a negro who assaulted a white girl this morning. The surrounding country is filled with armed men.

TEN YEARS FOR AUTO
THIEF GEORGE MILLS

Worcester Youth Who Stole Mrs. Edward Steven's Car Given Long Sentence

In Caledonia county court last week Chief Justice E. M. Butler presiding, George Mills of Worcester, Mass., pleaded guilty to attempted assault with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced by the court to a term of not less than ten years in the state prison at Windor.

Mills will be remembered as the daring 18-year-old bandit who has proved so elusive to the police and sheriff forces of the Province of Quebec and Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. After a daylight getaway from Caledonia county jail several weeks ago, Mills was seen at various places and by a small margin eluding his pursuers in the White Mountains and Worcester.

Mills was finally captured at a lumber camp in northern New York and brought back to St. Johnsbury.

The youthful bandit has during the past three months taken from their rightful owners a half dozen high powered motor cars. One of these cars is the property of Mrs. Edward Stevens of Old Bennington, which was stolen when the owner was sleeping in Troy. It was later recovered in Worcester, Mass., and was returned to the owner by Chief of Police Brazil.

SMALL FIREMAN HERO.

Littlest Man in Department Has Biggest Record.

Malden, Mass., Dec. 10.—"Little Jack" MacCormick, the smallest man in the Malden fire department rescued eight persons in an apartment house fire here today.

When flames burst from a defective flue in the downstairs apartment of Oreste Gonzales, owner of the building, two women lay sick in bed in the second and third floor apartments and with them were their six young children.

Hearing of their plight MacCormick braved the dense smoke that filled the upper floors and although barely five feet tall picked up Mrs. Aleose Navarros and her day-old baby, wrapped them in bed clothes and carried them to safety at the same time guiding three other children of Mrs. Navarros down the smoke-filled stairs.

He then returned to the burning house an dresened Mrs. James Scott, who was ill in bed, afterwards making a third trip to bring out the two Scullio children.

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